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Honorable Felix J. Boudreaux Commissioner of Conservation Post Office Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re:

BM 3 RD SUB, Broussard Field, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, Applicant: Metairie Energy Company, Inc.

## Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Metairie Energy Company, Inc. for the calling of a public hearing, after ten days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters regarding the BM 3 RD SU B, Broussard Field, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, for which rules and regulations were established and drilling and production unit was created by the Office of Conservation Order No. 442-D-6, effective July 11, 1989.

- 1. To permit applicant Metairie Energy Company, Inc. to utilize the well shown on the attached plat as a substitute unit well for the BM 3 RD SUB, such well to be at an exception to the spacing requirements of Statewide Order No. 29-E;
- 2. To find that, except to the extent contrary to the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application, the provisions of the 442 series of Office of Conservation Orders shall remain in full force and effect, and
- 3. To consider such other matters which may be pertinent to this application as shown by the evidence presented at the hearing held on this matter.

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The BM Sand, Reservoir D, Broussard Field, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 442-D, effective March 18, 1986.

The original unit well for the BM 3 RD SUB (the ExxonMobil Soulier Heirs No. 1 Well) became incapable of commercial production was plugged and abandoned, and the substitute unit well (the ExxonMobil - Francis J. Benezech, et al No. 1 Well), authorized by Supplement to Office of Conservation Order No. 442-D-6, effective July 26, 2000, proved incapable of commercial production. Therefore, the applicant requests permission to drill, designate and utilize the well shown on the attached plat as a second substitute unit well for this unit.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the BM RD SU B, showing the location of the current, substitute and second substitute unit wells together with a list of the names and addresses of all interested owners, interested parties and represented parties who are known to the applicant after reasonable search. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all such parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addressees of the interested owners, interested parties and represented parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this hearing application. Should any of the parties desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to this matter can be obtained at the cost of the requesting party, from Mr. Joe Adams, 4520 Jamestown Ave., Suite 6, Baton Rouge, LA 70808-3214 (225) 929-6097.

Finally, enclosed is our check made payable to the Office of Conservation, which represents the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

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& BATES, L.L.P.

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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson

District Manager Lafayette, Louisiana Interested Owners Represented Parties Interested Parties

